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SUBJ: VISIT OF ROK PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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1. KOREAN CONGEN OFFICER TOLD US THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT GAVE ROK PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT CHOE KYU-HA AN EXTREMELY WARM RECEPTION WITH FULL PROTOCOL DURING HIS AUGUST 26-29 VISIT TO DELHI. ROK OFFICIALS HERE WERE PLEASED AND CONSIDERED VISIT A SUCCESS, EVEN THOUGH INDIANS MADE NO FIRM COMMITMENTS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UNGA. CHOE CALLED ON MRS. GANDHI, FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH, AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SURENDRA PAL SINGH. LATTER SPOKE OF INDIA'S STRONG DESIRE TO SUPPORT ROK AT THE UNGA. SWARAN SINGH WAS SYMPATHETIC, BUT GAVE NO FIRM ASSURANCES.

2. CHOE ALSO PRESSED INDIANS TO RAISE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION BETWEEN INDIA AND SOUTH KOREA TO AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. INDIANS RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS, BUT AGAIN MADE NO COMMITMENTS.

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3. ROK CONGEN BELIEVES THAT THE INDIANS WILL NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC ON KOREAN QUESTION UNTIL THEY SEE HOW THIS ISSUE IS SHAPING UP IN NEW YORK AND THAT INDIA WILL SUPPORT ROK IF IT FEELS IT CAN IN LIGHT OF POSITION TAKEN BY SOVIETS AND OTHERS. OIROK CONGEN PREFERS THAT, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, WE NOT APPROACH GOI ON KOREAN QUESTION AT HIGHER LEVEL THAN WE ALREADY HAVE

(REFTEL C). THEY WANT TO CARRY THE BALL HERE AND FEEL THAT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR CHOE HAS FULLY COVERED ISSUES (REFTEL B) IN POLITICAL LEVEL TALKS WITH INDIANS.
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